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Deliver immediately following message from President to

Prime Minister Macmillan. Report date time delivery.

QTE Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In the last day or two it has become evident that the people of West Berlin are badly shaken by the events of the week. In this situation I think a statement of reassurance from you and General de Gaulle and me would be helpful. Consequently, I suggest that at the earliest possible moment we issue a joint declaration along the lines of the attached draft. I would hope that this could be published in our three capitals by Saturday at the latest.

I also hope you will approve the proposal to reinforce our garrisons in Berlin which has been under discussion in the Ambassadors Group here. This seems both urgent and important

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to me. Sincerely, yours John F. Kennedy.

(Text of attachment to letter)

Draft Statement by the Chiefs of State of the United States and France
and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

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